

## HARDING FRIENDLY TO LATIN AMERICA

Would Convince Southern Republics of American Friendship.

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Among the new policies that are in construction by President Harding and Secretary Hughes is the cultivation of friendly relations with Latin America upon a basis of courtesy, justice and common interest.

The President has let it be known in recent conversations that he considers no effort of his Administration more important than the effort to convince the Republics to the south that the United States is not an ogre or a bully, to be distrusted and feared, but is a friend; that the United States has no intention of intruding in purely Latin American affairs and desires only to be regarded as an understanding and sympathetic big brother in the Western family of nations.

From the very beginning of this Administration the President has emphasized this idea, and in talks with South American and Central American diplomats he has dwelt on the American desire to arrive at a sounder and more sympathetic understanding with their countries. That purpose is very close to the President's heart, and it is no betrayal of confidence to state that he regards this as scarcely less important than a proper adjustment of American relations with the nations of Europe.

His omission from his address to Congress of any mention of Latin America is regarded as foreshadowing extensive comment in a future address or message, at which time he will be at pains to set forth in the clear and downright language that characterizes his State papers the new attitude of the United States.

The way is being cleared slowly for detailed attention to Latin America, and when the time comes the President and Mr. Hughes will cover the ground thoroughly. That is perfectly known to the President's advisers.

The President's intention the other day that no haste is being made in selection of Ambassadors and Ministers to the southern republics means that he and Mr. Hughes are taking their time to find the right men.

The President has not encouraged speculation as to the identity of those who may be named to the principal sub-tropic posts and has intimated that the main thing is to find thoroughly qualified representatives. It has not been an easy task. For some reason there was no rush to appointment in this quarter of the world. There was a perfect bombardment of applications for European and Oriental diplomatic posts, but a less number for South and Central American honors. The problem is being worked out and it is unlikely that these appointments will be made public for ten days or two weeks. The principal European appointments have been announced and Tokio will follow in the coming week.

The President seeks men who really know something about the tasks in hand, men who speak Spanish fluently, that are moderately informed at least in Latin American literature and customs. Persons seeking such posts as rewards for political service are not encouraged. That sort of thing has been particularly harmful in the past and the President does not want to see old mistakes of judgment repeated.

Reason for Colombia Treaty.

Mr. Harding is intensely anxious to demonstrate to all Latin America that the United States is determined to be just in all of its relationships. For that very reason, the treaty with Colombia, distasteful as it is to so many Republicans in the Senate, will be pushed to passage. It may seem like leaning over backward to pay to Colombia \$25,000,000 in gold in satisfaction of the old Panama Canal, but the Administration has taken the view that the "satisfaction" offered will be saving a sore place

and may lead to complete cure. Whether that view is correct or incorrect, the Administration is going through with the programme, and was ready, if it became necessary, to use the patronage whip, a course that scarcely will be necessary as even Senator Borah admitted this afternoon, for perhaps not fifteen Republicans can be found to stand up in opposition.

The Administration's attitude toward Panama in the Panama-Costa Rican difficulty is part of the conciliation programme. Panama, clearly in the wrong in this matter of a treaty and territory dispute, is told that it cannot expect the United States to uphold it in unjust claims even if it is a sort of stepchild of the United States. The feeling at the State Department is that all Latin America must appreciate the justice of the American attitude.

The Mexican Puzzle.

Mexico, of course, presents a problem in itself. While the attitude to be taken toward Mexico is a part of the whole Latin American policy, nevertheless Mexico presents a multitude of special

problems and puzzles. The President and Secretary Hughes have plans concerning which it is impossible to comment. An investigation is now made of the feasibility of recognizing the Obregon Administration. It is unlikely anything will be done for some time or until the Administration is completely satisfied that Obregon is a fixture, with the backing of the majority of the people instead of an array of rifles. The President believes the trade opportunities for the United States in Latin America are inestimable, and in line with his belief that one of the main duties of the Administration is to plan in every conceivable way for the material prosperity of the American people it is his purpose to pave the way in Latin America for extension of American trade.

It would not be surprising to see some very prominent member of the Administration visit the principal countries of South America—possibly Secretary Hughes himself, when the world situation settles down and opportunity is afforded.

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN CLOSES CONVENTION

Deputation Will Bear Resolution of Thanks to President Harding To-morrow.

CLEVELAND, April 16.—The second annual convention of the National League of Women Voters closed this afternoon its six day session here with a meeting of the national board of directors and the State chairmen, at which the closing work of the league was finally discussed and planned. Mrs. Maud Wood Park, national president, announced to-day that the

fight to carry out the extensive programme of legislation adopted at the convention would be started without delay.

A deputation of league women will call on President Harding next Monday morning to present the resolution of thanks adopted by the convention for his support in his message to Congress of the maternity and infant care bill, the resolution adopted requesting the President and Congress to initiate the movement for an immediate reduction of armament by all nations and the proposition to make August 26 a Federal holiday in recognition of the proclaiming of suffrage for women. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt of New York had offered the resolution to the convention at the suggestion of the Tennessee delegation. It was unanimously adopted. Invitations were received from Baltimore and Houston, Texas, for next year's convention. The board of directors will select the city at a later date.

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